

JARRETTSVILLE/NORRISVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 25, 2011

Jarrettsville Library Meeting Room

Members Present:

Dave Seman, Chairperson

Sandra Monaco-Burton

William Nicodemus

Adam Moore

Kyle Gray, Vic-President

Alfred Williamson

Julie Marindin, Secretary

Carol Q. Morrow

Guests:

Delegate Wayne Norman

Attorney Jay Young

Deputy Mark Logsdon

Captain Warner, Northern Precinct

Dave Seman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Government Updates

Sheriff's Representative: Deputy Logsdon of Sector 80 shared an "Organize a Neighborhood Watch in your Community" handout, and introduced Captain Warner, Sheriff's Office, Northern Precinct, who reported on Sector 70 (Fallston).

Captain Warner reported about theft of gps, ipods, change from vehicles, and copper. Shared warning that with gps comes your home address, which is then at risk. Close garage doors!

Bike patrols in neighborhoods are effective.

Prescription drugs are popular theft items. Kids are having "pharm" parties where they dump all the stolen pills into one bowl and pass it around. Suggests parents keep track of meds and toss expired - but not into drain or toilet as it winds up in the bay! (laughter about drugged-up fish). Trying to schedule anonymous community pharm safe-drops here.

No home invasions reported here, but they have occurred in Bel Air, Spenceola.

Member Update:

Bill Nicodemus highlighted the Summer Reading Program, which kicks off June 13th, and Jville's Book Sale (the preparation of which accounted for our reduced meeting space). DAC, 10 lots of 49+ acres. P & R process of securing funding to meet stated needs of respective units means residents should be talking now about wants and needs as soon units will submit budget for review.

Guest Presentation:

Delegate Norman, self-proclaimed conservative among the 41 delegates (8 from HC) began by saying that doing business in Annapolis is "like children fighting". He shared that 3 chefs were at the Governor's cocktail party for sine dei. Upon returning in September, the work will be redistricting with a Democratic majority.

Delegate Norman said that the Governor's private septic issue will kill the housing industry, and that the TDR law resulted in development of farmland. Discussion among members that a flush tax on septic system could "kill this community". He concluded with a story of a "little ugly bill" which essentially mandated "sharing the bear" among counties that have bear hunts and counties that have bears but don't want hunts (relocation).

Attorney Jay Young spoke at length about a proposed amendment to gasoline storage tank legislation which addresses a "disincentive to replace" existing faulty tanks as it is too costly to do without an improvement, such as expansion. His proposed amendment would fix that, he said, and without it, stations will continue to close like the 80 that have closed in HC since moratorium. No existing stations have replaced their tanks.

A lively debate ensued among the audience members.

Fallston rep. Dr. Gene Ratych offered his opposition based in the failure of the proposed amendment to include any of the 17 components recommended by the Task Force Study. He also countered Mr. Young's assertion that no stations had improved their tanks with the example of a 7-11 which did upgrade after a leak. Ultimately, Dr. Ratych said the proposed amendment fostered economics rather than safety, which is wrong.

An audience member voiced opposition on grounds that Attorney Young represents a corporate entity and should not seek legislation applying to all based on his interest in one or a few.

Member Williamson asked Mr. Young if the existing process involving the Appeals Board didn't already allow for what he is proposing.

Mr. Seman invited the small business owners present to introduce themselves and share their number of employees. We heard from George of Lombardo's, which employs 24; Bill Stevenson of The Creamery, which employs 25-30.; Agnes from Mama Maria's, 15; Rick Eddy from Kefauver's Lumber, est. 1938 and gives to 4H, community orgs, Fire Co., employees 16 f/t, 8 p/t.

Rick, Chair of JVille Tennis Program, shared that he offers a 6 week summer program and averages 8-12 per class.

Old Business:

Future Guests: Pastor/Preacher, Lions Club

New Business: New Member Sandra Monaco-Burton introduced herself as a North Bend Parent, and Officer of that PTA and President of HCCPTA, which represents 48 PTAs.

Good of the Council:

- Kyle Gray reported that our Facebook page is just a few likes short of a new status.

Adjournment: Dave Seman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kyle Gray. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: June 29, 2011, 6:30 pm at NRC.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Marindin